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Title: NICKEL BARRIER END TERMINATION AND METHOD

AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated June 15, 2001, please amend
the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 39-41 as follows:

39. (New) A varistor, comprising:
a body of interleaved resistive plates and zinc oxide layers having an
external surface of zinc oxide, free of any passivation material; and
nickel barrier caps on opposing ends of the body, the nickel barrier caps
terminating with naturally formed edges; and
silver barriers located between the body and the nickel barrier with
naturally formed edges.